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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 and 30 are presented for prosecution. Claim 29 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 4, and 21 have been amended.

Claim 29

Applicants have cancelled claim 29 solely to advance the prosecution of the abovereferenced case. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of this claim in a future application.

Claims 1-28, and 30 are non-obvious

Claims 1, 4, and 21 have been amended to specifically recite a photosensitizer-carrier composition comprising a triblock copolymer. None of the references cited during the previous round of prosecution suggest the use of a triblock copolymer in a photosensitizer-carrier composition. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not make out a prima facie case of obvious. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-20 and 27-30 should be withdrawn.

The claims presented in this application are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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